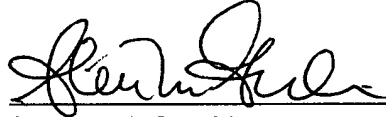


REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 5-7, 9-13, 15, 16, 19, and 21-24, have been amended to avoid multiple dependent claim format and the attendant government fees. The public should be advised that the present Preliminary Amendment is not considered or intended to be a narrowing amendment surrendering any equivalents.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested..

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